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In response to the restriction requirement mailed August 2, 2010, applicants make the following elections and remarks.

1. In response to the group level restriction stated on page 2, applicants elect group III, claims 79-104, with traverse.

2. Applicants agree with the Examiner that PCT unity practice (PCT Rule 13 and Annex B of the PCT Administrative Instructions) applies.

The Examiner holds that there is an a posteriori lack of unity because the bifunctional molecule of claim 79 does not possess a "special technical feature" joining the inventions of groups I-IV as the claimed bifunctional molecule is allegedly taught by example 3 of Dower USP 5,770,358.

The use of the term "special technical feature" in the singular is misleading. As the examiner acknowledges at the beginning of his analysis, the PCT Rule 13.2 test is whether the groups of inventions in question have the same or corresponding special technical features (plural).

PCT Rule 13.2 defines these as "those technical features that define a combination which each of the claimed